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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS ON
QA ANNIVERSARY

REFS: (A) STATE 204050; (B) BONN 13580; (C) BONN 13394

1. AT AUGUST 17 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRENCH REP (LASSUS)
SAID PARIS WAS PRESSING FOR A DECISION ON THE SOVIET
PROPOSAL FOR AN EXCHANGE OF ANNIVERSARY MESSAGES, RE-
ITERATING SAUVAGNARGUES' PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE MATTER.
FRG REP (HENZE) EXPRESSED AS A PERSONAL VIEW -- WHICH HE
THOUGHT WOULD NOT BE TOO FAR AWAY FROM GENSCHER'S
-- THAT IN VIEW OF THE EVENTS OF AUGUST 13 ON THE TRANSIT
ROUTES IT WOULD NOW BE RIDICULOUS TO AGREE TO THE SOVIET
PROPOSAL. UK REP (CARTER) SAID THE FOREIGN OFFICE STILL
PREFERRED THAT THE IDEA BE KILLED AND THAT HE WOULD
AGREE WITH HENZE.

2. US REP REPORTED DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS (REF A)
AND URGED THAT, IF AGREEMENT WERE REACHED ON NOT SENDING
MESSAGES, PROMPT ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO DEVELOPING
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REASONING TO BE USED WITH THE SOVIETS.

HENZE REPEATED VIEW EXPRESSED IN REF (B) THAT THE FRG
WOULD NOT LIKE THE REJECTION OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO
BE PINNED TO THE FRG ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

3. LASSUS UNDERTOOK TO REPORT US POSITION IMMEDIATELY
BUT PREDICTED THAT PARIS WOULD STILL FAVOR AN EXCHANGE.

4. IF PARIS AGREES TO DROP THE IDEA, BONN GROUP WILL
PURSUE DISCUSSION ON AUGUST 19 OF HOW TO TELL THE
SOVIETS.

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